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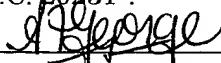
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed information are also enclosed.

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